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(c) There is no direct recruitment of Executive Engineers. They belong to the All-India Service and are recruited by the Secretary of State first as Assistant Executive Engineers and are promoted to the rank of Executive Engineers.

One post of Assistant Executive Engineer was filled up by promotion of an Assistant Engineer in 1931.

Veterinary

Proposals for the extension of the course of study and the affiliation of the Veterinary College to the University.

* 600 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what action has been taken in regard to the extension of the veterinary course to a period of five years and the affiliation of the Veterinary College to the University?

A.—A proposal for the introduction of the Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree Course extending to ten terms (three years and one academic term) at the Madras Veterinary College from July 1935 was sanctioned by Government; but the course has not been introduced as the Inspection Commission appointed by the Madras University to inspect the College made some recommendations which involved further expenditure requiring Government sanction, before the University could be asked to affiliate the College. The recommendations of the Inspection Commission are under the consideration of Government. There is no proposal to extend the course to a period of five years.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know what expenditure is required for carrying out the recommendations of the Inspection Commission? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" About Rs. 4,500."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" In view of this small sum that is required, may I know why Government should take further time to consider this matter? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" The matter is under consideration. I believe this has been considered as a Part II scheme for 1936–37."

Local Self-Government

Protests against the constitution of Udipi into a municipality.

* 601 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many representations and objections have been received by the Government against the proposal to constitute Udipi into a municipality after the publication of the preliminary notification in the Gazette; and

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(b) whether requests have been made to the Hon. the Chief Minister to permit a deputation to wait on him and what reply was sent to them?

A.—(a) Thirty-one; but they were mostly copies of the same petition but signed by different individuals.

(b) Yes. No reply was considered necessary as the final order constituting the municipality was issued on 8th October 1935.

Reasons for constituting Udipi into a municipality.

* 602 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of rural towns with a population larger than that of Udipi in this Province; and

(b) the reasons for constituting a municipality for Udipi against the wishes of the people at this time of depression, while towns with larger population have not yet got a municipality?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Table IV of the Census of India, 1931, Volume XIV—Madras—Part II—Imperial and Provincial Tables.

(b) The constitution of Udipi into a municipality was considered necessary in the interests of public health as it is an important pilgrim centre.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know, Sir, whether it was on the recommendation of the Collector of the district that Udipi was constituted into a municipality?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" It may be on his recommendation also."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Is it not a fact that there are too many hotels in Udipi and that there should be better sanitation in the place?"

Basis for fixing the motor car allowances of Municipal Commissioners.

* 603 Q.—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the salary and motor car allowance of each Commissioner of municipality; and

(b) the basis on which the motor car allowance is calculated?

A.—(a) A statement [a] showing the particulars referred to, as on the 3rd January 1936, is appended.

(b) The rates of conveyance allowance payable to commissioners have been generally fixed on the basis of the rank of the officers.

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